



# BONDAGE NUMBERS FOR INDEPENDENCE IN GRAPHS

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## Abstract

Fink et al. [1] introduced the bondage number of a graph in 1990 with some applications in mind. Several results related to bondage number have been appeared in an article in [2],[3],[4]. We introduce the Concept of Bondage Number for the Independence Number of the Graph. We call them Independence Bondage Number. We proved several theorems regarding these parameters and deduced that the Independence Bondage Number of a Graph  $G$  does not exceed than the Independence Number of graph  $G$ . Some examples have also been given.

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## 1. Introduction

Independent sets plays an important role in Graph theory and areaslike discrete optimization. they appear in matching theory, coloring of graphs and in trees. Independent sets were introduced into the communication theory on noisy channels. Bondage Number and Reinforcement Number of graph has been first Introduced by Fink[1]. Several Research papers have been published regarding these two parameters. In this paper we consider a similar

aspect for Independence Number of a given graph. To do this we use those vertices whose removal does not change the Independence number. We also take into account the number of maximum Independent sets to find an upper bound for Independence Reinforcement number of a given graph.

### 1. Definitions of Independent sets in Graph

**Definition 1.1** Independent Set: Let  $G$  be a graph and  $S$  be a subset of  $V(G)$ , then  $S$  is said to be an independent set, if any two distinct vertices of  $S$  are non adjacent.

**Definition 1.2** Maximal Independent Set: An Independent set  $S$  is said to be a maximal independent if it is not properly contain in any independent set.

**Definition 1.3** Maximum Independent Set: An Independent Set of Maximum size is called a maximum Independent Set.

**Definition 1.4** Independence Number: The Cardinality of a maximum Independent Set is called the Independence Number of the graph  $G$  and it is denoted as  $\beta_0(G)$ .

### 2. Independence Bondage Number of Graph

#### 2.1 Definitions for Independence Bondage Number of Graph

**Definition 2.1.1** Bondage Number[5]: The Smallest number of edges whose removal from a graph  $G$  causes the modified graph to have a larger Domination number than  $G$  is called Bondage Number.

**Definition 2.1.2** Independence Bondage Number: The Smallest number of edges whose removal from a graph  $G$  causes the modified graph to have a larger Independence number than  $G$  is called Independence Bondage Number. It is denoted by  $I_b(G)$ .

#### 2.2 Results on Independence Bondage Number of Graph

**Lemma 2.2.1** If  $K$  edges can be removed from a graph  $G$  to yield a subgraph  $H$  with  $I_b(H) = r$  then  $I_b(G) \leq K + r$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a Graph. If we remove  $K$  edges from  $G$  then Suppose Resultant graph be  $H$ . Now  $I_b(H) = r$ . So, let  $H_1$  be the graph obtained by removing  $r$  edges from  $H$ . Now we can see that  $\gamma_1(H_1) > \gamma_1(H) \geq \gamma_1(G)$ . So,  $I_b(G) \leq K + r$ .

**Theorem 2.2.2** If  $G$  is a Graph then  $I_b(G) \leq \deg(u) + \deg(v) - 1$  for every pair  $u$  and  $v$  of vertices which are adjacent.

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent vertices in graph  $G$ . Consider the graph  $H = G - (E_u \cup E_v - uv)$  (where  $E_x$  denotes set of edges incident with vertex  $x$ ). Let  $S$  be Maximum Independent set of  $H$ . It is obvious that only  $u \in S$  or  $v \in S$  as  $S$  is a Maximum Independent set. Now let  $H_1$  be the Graph obtained by removing edge  $uv$  from graph  $H$  then  $\gamma_1(H_1) > \gamma_1(H)$ . So,  $I_b(H) = 1$ . So by lemma 3.2.1  $I_b(G) \leq [deg(u) - 1] + [deg(v) - 1] + 1 = deg(u) + deg(v) - 1$ .

**Theorem 2.2.3** If  $G$  is a Graph then  $I_b(G) \leq deg(u) + deg(v) + deg(w) - 2$  for every pair  $u$  and  $v$  of vertices with  $d(u, v) = 2$  and  $w \in [N(u) \cap N(v)]$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a Graph with  $d(u, v) = 2$  and  $w \in [N(u) \cap N(v)]$ .

Consider the Graph  $H = G - (E_u \cup E_v \cup E_w) - uw - vw$ .

Let  $S$  be Maximum Independent set of graph  $H$ . Then it is obvious that  $u \in S, v \in S$  and  $w$  does not belong to  $S$  as  $S$  is Maximum Independent Set. Now if we remove edge  $uw$  and  $vw$  from  $H$  and Let  $H_1$  be resultant graph then  $\gamma_1(H_1) > \gamma_1(H)$ . So  $I_b(H) = 2$  So by lemma 3.2.1,  $I_b(G) \leq [deg(u) - 1] + [deg(v) - 1] + [deg(w) - 2] + 2 = deg(u) + deg(v) + deg(w) - 2$ .

**Notation.** It is useful to partition the Vertex set  $V$  of  $G$  into two sets according to how their removal affects  $\beta_0(G)$ .

$$V_I^- = [v \in V(G) / \beta_0(G - v) < \beta_0(G)].$$

$$V^0 = [v \in V(G) / \beta_0(G - v) = \beta_0(G)].$$

**Theorem 2.2.4** If  $G$  is a Graph then  $I_b(G) \leq \min[deg(v) / v \in V^0]$ .

**Proof.** If  $v \in V^0$  then  $\beta_0(G - v) = \beta_0(G)$  and therefore there is a maximum Independent set  $S$  of graph  $G$  such that  $v$  does not belong to  $S$  (reader can refer) [6]

So if we remove all edges incident with  $v$  then  $S \cup v$  is an independent set in the graph obtained by removing these edges.

Thus Independence bondage number  $I_b(G) \leq deg(v)$  and hence  $I_b(G) \leq \min[deg(v) / v \in V^0]$ .

**Note.** It may be noted that in any graph  $G$  with at least one edge there is a vertex  $v$  such that  $\beta_0(G - v) = \beta_0(G)$  or equivalently there is a vertex  $v$  which do not belong to some maximum Independent set of graph  $G$ . Therefore we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.2.5** If  $G$  is a Graph with at least one edge then  $I_b(G) \leq deg(v)$ . where  $v$  does not belong to  $S$  for some Maximum Independent set  $S$  of graph  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.2.6** If  $G$  is a Graph then

$$I_b(G) \leq \min[\beta_0(G), \min(deg(v)/v \in V^0 )].$$

**Proof.** If  $v \in V^0$  then  $\beta_0(G - v) = \beta_0(G)$  and therefore there is a maximum Independent set  $S$  of graph  $G$  such that  $v$  does not belong to  $S$

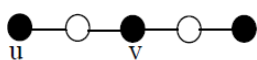
So if we remove  $\beta_0(G)$  edges incident to  $v$  or  $deg(v)$  edges incident with  $v$  whichever is minimum then  $S \cup v$  is an independent set in the resultant graph.

Thus Independent bondage number

$$I_b(G) \leq \min[\beta_0(G), \min(deg(v)/v \in V^0 )].$$

**Illustrations on Independence Bondage Number of Graph**

**Illustration 2.3.1** Here we give an illustration for which  $I_b(G) = deg(u) + deg(v) - 1$  for some adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . which represents sharp upperbound.



$$\gamma_I(P_5) = 3$$



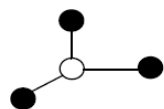
$$\gamma_I(G) = 4$$

Figure 2.3.1

So  $I_b(P_5) = deg(u) + deg(v) - 1 = 1 + 2 - 1 = 1$ .

Moreover,  $I_b(G) \leq deg(v)$ ,  $v$  does not belong to  $S$  which also represents sharp upper bound.

**Illustration 2.3.2** Here we give an illustration of a graph which represents sharp upper bound according to theorem 3.2.3.



$$\gamma_I(G) = 3$$



$$\gamma_I(G') = 4$$

Figure 2.3.2

So  $I_b(G) = deg(u) + deg(v) + deg(w) - 2 = 1 + 1 + 3 - 2 = 3$ .

**Illustration 2.3.3** Here we give an illustration of Peterson graph.

In peterson graph for every vertex  $v$ ,  $\beta_0(G - v) = \beta_0(G)$ . And therefore

$$I_b(G) \leq 3.$$

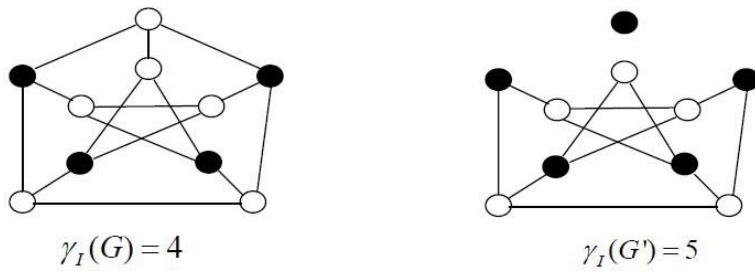


Figure 2.3.3

**Illustration 2.3.4** Here we give an illustration of Complete graph for which  $I_b(G) = 1$  as  $\beta_0(G) = 1$ .



Figure 2.3.4

**Illustration 2.3.5** Here we give exact values for Independence Number, Independence Bondage Number and Independence Reinforcement Number of selected families of graphs.

Graph G	Independence Number ( $\gamma_I(G)$ )	Independence Bondage Number ( $I_b(G)$ )	Independence Reinforcement Number ( $I_R(G)$ )
$P_n$ (path)	$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$	2, n=odd 1, n=even	1, n=odd 3, n=even $n \geq 3$
$C_n$ (cycle)	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	1, n=odd 2, n=even	2, n=even 6, n=odd 5, n=5
$S_n$ (star graph)	n-1	n-1	1
$K_n$ (complete graph)	1	1	Not possible

Table 2.3.5

**Illustration 2.3.6** Here we give exact values for Independence Number, Independence Bondage Number and Independence Reinforcement Number of Complete Grid graphs.

Grid graphs	Independence Number ( $\gamma_I(G)$ )	Independence Bondage Number ( $I_b(G)$ )	Independence Reinforcement Number ( $I_R(G)$ )
$P_2 \times P_n$	n	2	2
$P_3 \times P_n$	$\frac{3n+1}{2}, n = odd$ $\frac{3n}{2}, n = even$	2, n=even 3, n=odd	2
$P_4 \times P_n$	2n	2	2
$P_5 \times P_n$	$\frac{5n+1}{2}, n = odd$ $\frac{5n}{2}, n = even$	2	2

Table 2.3.6

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